GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4302
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
HAZARIBAGH TELECOM DISTRICT
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit scrutiny of records of Telecom Revenue Accounts branch of Hazaribagh telecom district under Bihar telecom circle has revealed serious cases of frauds through excess posting of credit in subscribers` accounts and posting of credit in the accounts of subscribers other than the real payee;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against those who are responsible for this?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is a case of fraudulent accounting of payment, short posting of Rs. 1.90 cores in Subscribers` Record Cards during the period from May 1994 to September 1996, misappropriation of Govt. revenue of Rs. 1.90 lakh from May 1994 to July 1996, and unauthorized provision of STD/ISD facility for eight months from April 1995 to December 1995 amounting to Rs. 8.12 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir. A vigilance enquiry was conducted under the supervision of Circle Vigilance Officer, Bihar Telecom Circle.

(d) The irregularities as stated in (b) above were established.

(e) Major disciplinary action under Rule 14 has been initiated against 6 officials of Hazaribagh telecom district for their involvement/lapses.